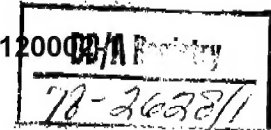


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31 OCT 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Robert W. Gambino  
Director of Security

SUBJECT: DCI Representation on NDPC (U)

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Acting Director of Security  
to Deputy Director for Administration,  
dated 5 July 1978, same subject  
(DDA 78-2628)

1. (U) Action Requested: This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval.

2. (U) Background: The referenced memorandum dated 5 July 1978 set forth background details outlining the role of the Office of Security in providing the DCI Special Member to the National Military Information Disclosure Policy Committee (NDPC) and contained a recommendation that you concur in the transfer of the function to the National Foreign Assessment Center (NFAC). At that time you preferred to defer action in order that this issue could be examined in the light of developments in the DCI Security Committee and Intelligence Community Staff reorganization areas.

3. (C) Staff Position: In the intervening months we have kept this matter under study from several different perspectives. A review of the issues involving discussions at NDPC meetings and preparation of memoranda by our representative confirms our previous assertion that almost all of these matters fall outside the purview of the Office of Security. The Agency's position on those issues is based on input from NFAC, principally, and, to a lesser extent, from the Directorate of Operations. Even in the case of NDPC security surveys, in some of which Office of Security representatives have taken part, the Agency's position on the resulting reports has principally focussed on DDO equities and NFAC judgments.

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The NDPC is concerned with the types and classification levels of military-related information which may be shared with foreign countries. Obviously, there are security considerations involved but they are of the broader, more generalized kind requiring application of intelligence and operational data not available to the Office of Security nor falling within the purview of the DCI Security Committee.

(U) In summary, the responsibility for NDPC membership should, in my opinion, be transferred to NFAC. Such action would ensure effective representation of this Agency's position on NDPC matters and, at the same time, provide some modest relief to the Office of Security in coping with its principal tasks.

4. (U) Recommendation: It is recommended that you approve the transfer of NDPC membership to the National Foreign Assessment Center.

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Robert W. Gambino

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Administration

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Deputy Director for Administration

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